

people killed. We have been robbed of at least 46 souls, disproportionately Black and Latinx transwomen, and these are only the ones who have been properly reported.

On the floor of Congress, we speak their names:

Tyianna Alexander
 Samuel Edmund Damian Valentin
 Bianca “Muffin” Bankz
 Dominique Jackson
 Fifty Bandz
 Alexis Braxton
 Chyna Carrillo
 Jeffrey “JJ” Bright
 Jasmine Cannady
 Jenna Franks
 Diamond Kyree Sanders
 Rayanna Pardo
 Jaida Peterson
 Dominique Luscious
 Remy Fennell
 Tiara Banks
 Natalia Smut
 Iris Santos
 Tiffany Thomas
 Keri Washington
 Whispering Wind Bear Spirit
 Sophie Vasquez
 Danika “Danny” Henson
 Serenity Hollis
 Oliver “Ollie” Taylor
 Thomas Hardin
 Poe Black
 EJ Boykin
 Aidelen Evans
 Taya Ashton
 Shai Vanderpump
 Tierramarie Lewis
 Miss CoCo
 Pooh Johnson
 Disaya Monae
 Briana Hamilton
 Kier Lapri Kartier
 Mel Groves
 Royal Poetical Starz
 Zoella “Zoey” Rose Martinez
 Jo Acker
 Jessi Hart
 Rikkey Outumuro
 Marquiisha Lawrence
 Jenny De Leon

And Jahaira DeAlto who was murdered in my district.

Jahaira, a friend, a mother, and an activist spoke out 22 years ago when Rita Hester was killed. As a survivor of domestic violence, she advocated for gender affirming shelters and, with kindness in her heart, opened her home to queer and trans people with nowhere to go.

Jahaira DeAlto’s compassion will forever be her legacy, alongside her legendary status in the ballroom community for serving “everyday realness.”

While we grieve the loss of loved ones, neighbors, and colleagues, we must also hold space to celebrate their lives and the differences they make in ours.

Transgender people are community organizers, military soldiers, and justice seekers who have put their bodies on the line domestically and abroad to fight for a safe and equitable society. They are artists, healers, and entertainers who nurture our soul and

spread joy wherever they go. Most importantly, transgender people are beacons of hope and pillars of courage serving as living testaments of what it means to be unapologetically you.

While transphobia seeks to erase these truths, we must affirm the dignity of every member of the trans community.

So I rise today to remember Transgender Day of Remembrance and recommit myself to the work of justice and equity for all people, including my transgender siblings in the movement for liberation. Our destinies are tied.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman PRESSLEY for all her great work.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the great State of California (Ms. JACOBS), who is a proud sister to a trans brother and gender non-conforming sibling.

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman NEWMAN for yielding and thanks to the Equality Caucus for organizing this Special Order.

As the gentlewoman mentioned, I am the proud sister of a trans brother and a gender nonconforming sibling. I am also the proud Representative of Hillcrest, the heart of San Diego’s LGBTQ-plus community, so this issue is deeply personal to me and to the people whom I love.

Every time that we hear about another trans person being murdered, I think about my siblings and my constituents, and my heart breaks because this epidemic of violence has gone on for too long.

For too long, trans voices have been silenced, ignored, and disrespected. Whether they are trying to access healthcare, trying to find housing, or even when they are just trying to go about their daily lives, our trans neighbors and friends face discrimination, harassment, and a pervasive lack of resources.

Even in this body, we have colleagues actively working to prevent equality for the trans community who continue to misgender and dehumanize our trans friends and family and continue denying them the support they need and are trying to keep them on the margins of our society.

This rhetoric and this anti-trans legislation making its way through the country has real-world consequences. With the recent news of the killing of Marquiisha Lawrence in South Carolina, 2021 just became the deadliest year on record for trans and nonbinary people. This year alone at least 45 trans people have been killed.

It is, at least, because all too often when trans people are killed, the details of their lives are misreported. They are misgendered or deadnamed in police reports and death certificates. So not only are their lives being taken from them, their authentic identity—who they really were and fought so hard to be—is also being erased. So we must continue to say the names of peo-

ple like Poe Black and Natalia Smut who were killed this year in California.

Their lives are a reminder that we must continue to fight for trans equality especially for transwomen of color.

As important as it is for us to celebrate the lives of the trans people who were taken from us, we also need to celebrate trans people when they are still alive. So this Transgender Awareness Week, let us commit to uplifting trans people when they are still here not only after they are gone.

I honor the strength and resilience of the trans community. I will continue to make their voices heard in the Halls of Congress, and I will continue to advocate for the support that they have been denied for far too long.

I want any young person who is watching this to know that they are perfect, they are loved, and they are needed in this world exactly the way they are, and I will be here every day fighting for them.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman JACOBS for her kind remarks.

I have one more speaker, Madam Speaker. We have Representative AL GREEN, who is an LGBTQ ally.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

And still I rise, Madam Speaker, as a proud ally of the transgender community. And I rise tonight with a special message. This message means a lot to me because I truly believe that the pledge is correct. We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.

All cannot exclude the trans community. All has to include the trans babies and the children in Texas who are having to suffer through debates about what they can do athletically. All has to include people who lose their lives simply because they are being who they are.

I rise with a message of I am with you, I am your ally, and I live today to live to see the day that transwomen will not have to live in fear of dying because of who they are and trans children can grow up and simply be children in this country where we pledge liberty and justice for all.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman GREEN. He is absolutely right. All is all and love is love.

That concludes our Special Order hour. I want to thank each of my colleagues this evening for their participation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

AND STILL I RISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise on this occasion to bring to the attention of this House H. Res. 746, the Original National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution of 2021.

H. Res. 746 expresses support for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that Congress should continue to raise awareness of this issue.

This resolution has 160 original cosponsors including 18 Republicans. It is a bipartisan resolution. I am honored to say that the lead cosponsor from Louisiana, Mr. GARRET GRAVES, is a person who has been very helpful in helping to get this resolution presented and get signatures of persons who would be supportive.

Domestic violence is a more prolific problem than many realize. Domestic violence is a problem that too often is concealed. Many people don't report the fact that they are being abused. People are locked in. They find themselves having to live with abuse because the abuse is being perpetrated by someone that they love and someone whom they care for but someone who does not care as much for them.

Nearly one in three college women say they have been in an abusive dating relationship. Ninety-two percent of homeless women experience severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lifetimes.

A 2020 survey by the National Network to End Domestic Violence reported that 76,525 violence victims were served by domestic violence shelters and programs around the Nation in a single day. Additionally, 11,047 requests for services went unmet—went unmet—because of a lack of resources. We have to do more to help the victims of domestic violence. Congress can do more to help the victims of domestic violence. Congress should do more to help the victims of domestic violence.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any gender. One in four women and one in seven men ages 18 and older will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Women ages 18 to 34 experience the highest rates per capita of intimate partner violence.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any race. African-American women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35 percent higher than that of White women and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races.

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Twenty-one to 55 percent of Asian and Pacific Islander women report experiencing domestic violence; that is, physical assault, sexual assault, or both, during their lifetimes.

37.1 percent of Latinx females are victimized by intimate partner violence in a lifetime. One in three Native American women will be raped, and 6 in 10 will be physically assaulted in their lifetimes.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any sexual orientation. Sixty-one percent of bisexual women, 43.8

percent of lesbian women, 37.3 of bisexual men, and 26 percent of homosexual men experience intimate partner violence during their lifetimes.

Too often, children are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. One in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90 percent of these children are eyewitnesses to such violence.

Children exposed to domestic violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, and become victims of human trafficking. Our children are suffering. Those who witness these acts of domestic violence need help. We need to provide more counseling for children.

Even when this tragedy occurs, it is shameful for children to have to witness it. But more tragic than that, when children themselves are victimized, they have to carry that memory with them for a lifetime.

One in 10 District of Columbia high school students reported experiencing physical violence from a dating partner in the past year. Half of youth who have been victims of both dating violence and rape attempt suicide, compared to 12.5 percent of non-abused girls and 5.4 percent of non-abused boys.

One large study found that men exposed to physical abuse, sexual abuse, and adult domestic violence as children were almost four times more likely than other men to have perpetrated domestic violence as adults.

The point to be made is, those who suffer from domestic violence and abuse are likely to perpetrate domestic violence and abuse; not all, but a good many.

There is a need for primary schools, secondary schools, and postsecondary schools to educate students about the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Education is the means by which many can avoid becoming victims. We must do more to educate our young.

The term domestic violence is often inadequate because it fails to capture the full extent of the impacts that the event can have on a victim's life. The average cost of intimate partner violence over a victim's lifetime for medical and mental healthcare services is about \$103,000-plus—that is for women—and \$23,000-plus for men.

The term domestic violence also fails to capture how, in some instances, domestic violence literally means domestic murder because, on average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or their boyfriends in the United States every day.

Most murdered transgender women are killed by intimate partners.

However, in spite of all of this, there is hope. Survivors of domestic violence are strong, courageous, and resilient, but they need help. Surviving the physical and mental abuse requires more than simply relocating. Many times, counseling is needed.

The strength that they have is something that we can admire, but that strength can be fortified if they can have proper counseling so that they can get the assistance that they need, not only to stabilize themselves mentally, but also to understand that they are not the reason for the violence being perpetrated upon them. Too often, the victims believe that they are responsible for the actions of the persons who are abusing them. They need help.

This is what we can do. We can help to make sure people understand that victims are not responsible for what perpetrators do.

A recently released multistate study shows that the Nation's domestic violence shelters are addressing victims urgent and long-term needs, and are helping victims protect themselves and their children. Domestic violence advocates provide lifesaving essential services. There is a need to increase, not reduce funding for programs aimed at intervening in and preventing domestic violence in the United States.

So therefore, I am so proud tonight to say that we should resolve that the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month are important; that these goals and ideals should be pursued; that this House of Representatives can do more to help the victims of domestic violence.

I would also add that this resolution expresses the sense that the House of Representatives—that Congress—should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence and its devastating effects on individuals, families, communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence in the United States.

Madam Speaker, people ought not have to live in fear because they happen to be in an abusive relationship. Yes, people can take their issues to the police. Women can. But too often they have to debate within themselves the consequences of going to the police, the authorities, because they understand, many of them, that they have no other place to turn to.

But thank God this Congress has provided enough money for shelters so that many can leave the environment where the abuse is being perpetrated.

This is a serious issue that we should all be concerned with. If we allow the perpetration and perpetuation of domestic violence to continue, it does not bode well for the fiber and fabric of our country. This is a great country, and a great country can protect people who are being abused in their own homes.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRIFFITH (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of a funeral for a slain officer in his district.